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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR: DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REP APRIL 5

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1. US REP HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REP KVITSINSKIY
AT LATTER' S URGENT REQUEST ON APRIL 5. KVITSINSKIY WAS
INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE AMERICAN REACTION TO THE PROCEDURES
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TEXT THE SOVIETS HAD PUT FORWARD IN THE QUADRILATERAL GROUP ON APRIL 4. US REP SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A WASHINGTON REACTION. WHEN IT WAS AVAILABLE, HE WOULD PRESENT IT IN THE NETHERLANDS- US- HUNGARIAN- SOVIET QUADRILATERAL GROUP, WHICH SHOULD REMAIN THE FOCUS OF DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC.

2. KVITSINSKIY WAS INTERESTED IN US REP' S OWN REACTION TO THE EXPANDED DEFINITION OF DECISION- MAKERS IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF PROPOSED SOVIET PAPER. US REP SAID IN HIS VIEW AND THAT OF HIS FRIENDS, IT ANTICIPATED AND PREJUDICED DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA. KVITSINSKIY SAID IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET DEFINITION THAT THE SOVIETS WANTED A DEFINITE FOCUS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS. OTHER IDEAS SUCH AS CONSTRAINTS ONLY AMOUNTED TO ESPIONAGE AS FAR AS THE SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED. HE REFERRED TO HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CERTAIN ALLIED DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA, SAYING HE HAD RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION FROM THEM THAT THEY WERE THINKING OF SEPARATE PRIOR AGREEMENTS ON FORCE LEVELS AND CONSTRAINTS, AND ONLY THEN GETTING TO DISCUSSION OF REDUCTIONS. THIS WAS NOT AT ALL THE SOVIET CONCEPT. AGREED REDUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOME MEASURES TO CHECK THEIR CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTATION, BUT THERE WAS NO NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES IN ISOLATION.

3. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER KVITSINSKIY' S RECENT EFFORTS TO SEEK OUT THE US REP TO INDICATE SOME DEGREE OR URGENCY ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS WITH REGARD TO TREATMENT OF THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE AND TO INDICATE INTERESTS IN BRINGING DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER TO A HEAD. WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATION OF GIVE AS REGARDS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SOVIET POSITION WHICH REMAINS THAT HUNGARY SHOULD BE LISTED AS AS A SPECIAL PARTICIPANT. HUMES

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